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SUN FOR AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: LOS: POSSIBLE MARITIME POLLUTION CONFERENCE

1. DEPT OFFICERS MET WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF COAST GUARD,
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA), AND NATIONAL OCEAN-
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IC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION (NOAA) ON SEPTEMBER 5 TO
DISCUSS FEASIBILITY OF COOPERATION WITH GOB AUTHORITIES
IN AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON MARINE POLLUTION CONTROL
(I.E., A TECHNICAL SEMINAR OR WORKSHOP FOR THE EXCHANGE OF
POLLUTION CONTROL TECHNIQUES AND SCIENTIFIC STUDIES) ALONG
LINES OF DISCUSSIONS BY AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON REPORTED IN
REFTEL. AMB. RICHARDSON, WHOSE STAFF WAS REPRESENTED AT

THE MEETING, CONTINUES TO BE INTERESTED IN THE IDEA, PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT OF THE POSSIBLE QUID PRO QUO NOTED IN PARA 4 OF REFTTEL.

2. COAST GUARD, EPA AND NOAA ALL PRELIMINARILY EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO PARTICIPATE AT THE TECHNICAL LEVEL IN SUPPORT OF A WORKSHOP OR SEMINAR HOSTED BY THE GOB. FOR THE USG TO ACT AS JOINT SPONSOR IS LESS DESIRABLE FROM VIEWPOINT OF USG AGENCIES WHICH WOULD BE INVOLVED.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO INFORM STATE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND ENVIRONMENT,

DR. FERNANDO DE BARROS, THAT U.S. IS EXPLORING POSSIBILITY OF SUPPORTING OR PARTICIPATING IN SUCH AN INTERNATIONAL MARINE POLLUTION TECHNOLOGY WORKSHOP OR SEMINAR, BUT THAT U.S. FEELS THAT THE INITIATIVE FOR SUCH A CONFERENCE SHOULD COME FROM GOB. EMBASSY IS ALSO REQUESTED TO FEEL OUT APPROPRIATE GOB AUTHORITIES AS TO THEIR INTEREST IN AND CURRENT THINKING ON SUCH A SEMINAR OR WORKSHOP. YOU MAY REPORT THAT OUR TECHNICAL AGENCIES WITH EXPERTISE IN MARINE POLLUTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL HAVE SHOWN AN INTEREST IN PARTICIPATING AT THE TECHNICAL LEVEL, ALTHOUGH THE SCOPE OF THAT PARTICIPATION MUST PEND DISCUSSIONS AS TO THE AGENDA THE GOB HAS IN MIND. THE GOB MIGHT, FOR EXAMPLE, CONSIDER A BILATERAL WORKSHOP, AS AT LEAST A CONFIDENTIAL

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FIRST STEP, ALTHOUGH THE USG AGENCIES ARE PRELIMINARILY PREPARED TO PARTICIPATE IN SEMINARS OF BROADER SCOPE, PERHAPS INVOLVING OTHER HEMISPHERIC PARTICIPANTS.

4. THE DEPT PREFERS THAT YOU NOT REPEAT NOT MENTION, AT THIS POINT, THE POSSIBLE QUID PRO QUOTE NOTED IN PARA 4 REFTTEL. THIS CAN BE DEVELOPED BY AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON AS HE SEES BEST FOLLOWING THE PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS. CHRISTOPHER

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